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Applicant	: Robert H. Mimplitch, III et al.	Art Unit	: 3679
Serial No.	: 10/008,766	Examiner	: Michael P. Ferguson
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Title	: Apparatus and Method for Adapting Two-Post Rack Systems to Support Four-Post Rack Mounted Equipment		

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The undersigned representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephone interview held on February 22, 2007. Examiner Michael P. Ferguson and Applicant's representatives Spencer Patterson and Elizabeth Dahm participated in the interview.

The substance of the interview included a discussion of claims 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 15, 33, 34-37, 46, and 51 and the rejections of record under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), (e). The interview also included a discussion of Siemon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,542, 549) and Jensen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,220,456).

During the interview, the Examiner suggested that the replacement of "complies with EIA-310, revision D" in claim 2 with details of EIA-310, revision D would satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, without adding new matter. In addition, the Examiner indicated that an amended claim 1 that includes the features of claims 11, 12, and 15 and the coupling feature would be patentable over the cited art. Similarly, the Examiner indicated that an amended claim 31 that includes the features of claims 34-37 would be patentable over the cited art. General distinctions between the method claims and the cited references were also discussed.

Applicant agreed to submit a supplemental amendment, including new and/or amended claims based on discussions in the interview, by March 2, 2007.

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